



# Virginia Green Events



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## Heritage Days Chesapeake, Virginia

September 19-20, 2009

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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Events** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize the event's impacts on the environment. This event has met the established "core activities" for *Green Events* and has committed to communicate its activities to its participants. Below is a list of this event's "green" activities that participants can expect.

### Heritage Days

Heritage Days celebrates traditional rural artisan skills passed from generation to generation that tie back to early colonists, highlighting artistic skills and crafts associated with our ancestors' daily lives. A living history of Civil War-period encampments, demonstrations, and daily living take one back to this era. Regional spinning and weaving guilds conduct workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions and a fleece-to-shawl competition. Festival also features children's activities and games, crafters, vendors, sheep dog demonstrations, make-it and take-it candle making, black smiths, fiber-producing and other farm animals. Live acoustic music performed both days.

**Green Statement:** In support of the City of Chesapeake's mission of conserving energy resources, "Leisure – Special Events" felt the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival can support this mission by enrolling in the "Virginia Green" program to reduce the amount of waste taken to our landfill, promote car-pooling and increase recycling awareness.

**Virginia Green Activities.** When visiting Heritage Days, you can expect the following practices:

### **CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Events**

- ☒ **Recycling.** Events must provide recycling for its participants. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to the public with clear signage.
  - Aluminum Cans, Glass, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard & Paper
- ☒ **No Styrofoam.** Events should eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups and plates. If you must use disposables, use products that are bio-based, paper, or recyclable.
  - Disposable cups, containers and cutlery are recyclable.
- ☒ **Printed Materials.** Recycled-content, soy-based inks, and 2-sided copies -- and quantities should be minimized whenever possible!
  - Use electronic registration, correspondence and forms
  - Print brochures and other printed items on recycled content paper
  - Two sided copying.
- ☒ **Waste Reduction.** Event planners should make a general commitment to reduce the amount of waste generated by their event.

- Encouraging exhibitors and vendors to minimize wastes and provide for recycling of boxes and other set up wastes.
- Encourage the use of mass-transit, walking, bike riding or carpooling to your event.
- Serve food items that are locally grown

☒ **Green Signage.** Event planners must commit to **tell their participants about *how green*** the event is. Event signage should include the *Virginia Green* logo and list all “green activities” practiced in the planning and operation of the event.

- Posted web-link to the Virginia Green Events webpage
- Post signs at registration which lists all green activities
- Use the Virginia Green logo on signs and at recycling centers



For more information on **Heritage Days**, see [www.cityofchesapeake.net/parks](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/parks) or contact Sally Triolet, [sbtriolet@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:sbtriolet@cityofchesapeake.net).

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen). Click on “Events” for a more of green events.



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